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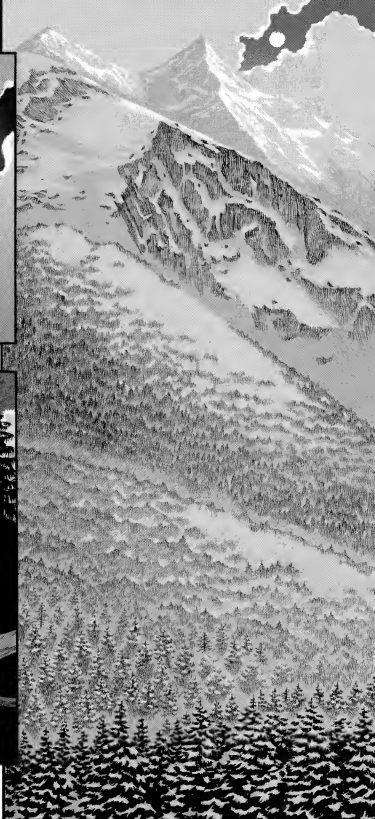
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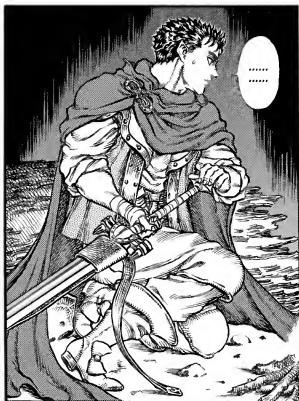


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**KNIGHT OF
SKELETON**







...THAT THE
NIGHT WAS
THIS VAST,
THIS DEEP...

I'D
FORGOTTEN...



...I HAVEN'T
BEEN TRULY
ALONE ONCE
THESE
THREE
YEARS.

WHEN
I
THINK
ABOUT
IT...



I'D
FOR-
GOTTEN.

THIS
SENSE
OF LINEASE
UNLESS MY
SWORD'S
RIGHT NEXT
TO ME...

I
NEVER
EVEN
THOUGHT
TO TRY.



OF
COURSE,
I COULD'VE
AVOIDED
NIGHTS LIKE
THIS BACK
THEN...



...AS
LONG
AS I
CAN
FEEL
WARM...

TO BE
HONEST
...

...TRYIN'
TO
THROW
AWAY
SOMETHING...

...MAYBE
I'M
ONCE
AGAIN...

...ISN'T
THAT
GOOD
ENOUGH?

...OF AN
IRREPLACEABLE
TODAY FOR
SOME VAGUE
TOMORROW I
MIGHT NEVER
FIND...IF
IT EVEN
EXISTS...?

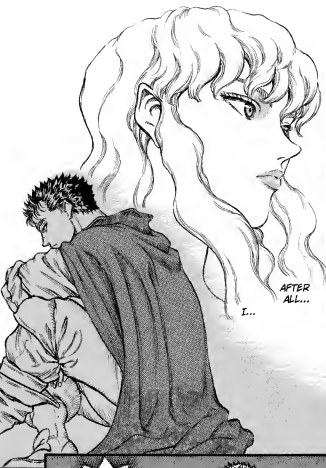
AM I
TRYING
TO LET
GO...

...IRREPLACE-
ABLE
THAT I'LL
NEVER
HAVE
AGAIN?

EVEN
WITHOUT
SOME BIG,
EXAGGER-
ATED
DREAM...

...PEOPLE
GO ON
LIVING.





I...

AFTER
ALL...

...IDEA IN MY
HEAD FROM
HEARING
GRIFFITH'S
WORDS. IF I
HADN'T...

IN THE
FIRST
PLACE,
I GOT
THIS...



SO...



...CAN I
SAY I'VE
SET OUT
BY MY OWN
WILL?

...NEVER
BECOME
GRIFFITH.

YOU
CAN...



IT'S
YESTERDAY.

THAT'S
NOT
TODAY
ANYMORE.







COULD
IT
BE...?!



...THAT
BLOOD-
THIRSTI-
NESS?!

WHAT
WAS
THAT...



NO...

A
BEAST
?!



...THIS
SAVAGE-
RY THAT
FEELS
LIKE IT
CLINGS...

THIS
IS...



I
REMEM-
BER
THIS!!



I
CAN'T
MOVE
...

...THAT'S
WHEN...

IF I
MOVE
...



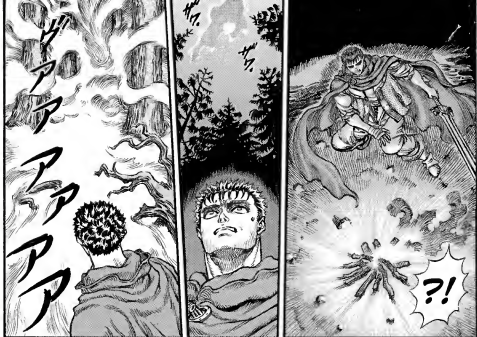
...THAT
EASILY...?!

I
COULDN'T
EVEN
REACT!!



IT
BLINDSIDED
ME...









I'VE NEVER
MISREAD AN ENEMY'S
PRESENCE ONCE!!
I COULD'VE SWORN
HE WAS TRYING TO
BRING HIS SWORD
DOWN ON ME!

I'M SURE
HE WAS
RIGHT
BEHIND
ME!!

IMPOSS-
IBLE...!!



...THIS
WEIRD,
UNREAL
FEELING...!!

...BUT
THIS...

NO,
IT'S
NOT...

ZODD?!



SO THE
GEARS HAVE
INDEED BEGUN
TURNING.



YOU,
STRUGGLER.

**TAKE
HEED.**



STRUG-
GLER?



WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN?!

GEARS
?!

**YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS!! THOSE
YET UNSEEN OF THE
FLESHLESS FLESH!!
AND THAT UNKINGLY
HALF OF YOURS
SHALL ALL BE
GATHERED THEN
IN THAT
PLACE!!**

**ONE YEAR
HENCE SHALL
BE THE TIME
OF THE
ECLIPSE!!**

**A TORRENT
OF MADNESS.
A TEMPEST
OF DEATH FOR
WHICH THE
HUMAN BODY
COULD NEVER
ATONE.
SHALL SWEEP
OVER YOU!!**

**WHO IS
THIS?!**

**YOU ARE
CLOSER TO
DEATH THAN
ANYONE. THUS
YOU EXCEL IN
ESCAPING
IT!!**

**YOU WERE BORN
FROM A CORPSE
AND BEGAN
YOUR LIFE FROM
DEATH
IN THE
MUD!!**

**BUT
TAKE
HEED.
STRUG-
GLER!!**



WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?!

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
ME...?!

THAT ALONE
IS THE SWORD
OF ONE WHO
CONFRONTS
DEATH!!

NEVER
FORGET
THIS!!

STRUGGLE,
CONTEND,
WRIGGLE!!



PER-
HAPS...

...



ONLY HE
WHO STANDS
UP WITH BROKEN
SWORD IN
HAND...

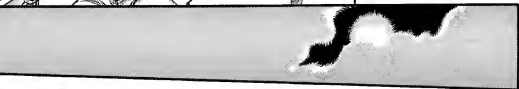
IN THE
ABYSS OF
DESPAIR
...



W-WAIT
...!!

THE
KNIGHT
OF
SKELETON

...





PLEASE
HURRY TO
BED, YOUR
HIGHNESS.
YOU WILL
CATCH
COLD.

NOW
THE SNOW
WILL
MELT...

YES...
YOU ARE
DISMISSED
FOR THE
DAY.



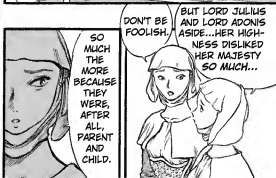
HER
HIGHNESS
SEEMS
DEPRESSED

THAT
SHE
DOES.



I'D BE
GLOOMY TOO
IF I LOST
THREE
RELATIVES
IN A ROW.

LORD JULIUS,
LORD ADONIS,
AND EVEN HER
MAJESTY THE
QUEEN HAVE
ALL DIED IN
SUCCESSION.



DON'T BE
FOOLISH.

BUT LORD JULIUS
AND LORD ADONIS
ASIDE...HER HIGH-
NESS DISLIKED
HER MAJESTY
SO MUCH...

SO
MUCH
THE
MORE
BECAUSE
THEY
WERE,
AFTER
ALL,
PARENT
AND
CHILD.



WH-WHAT
IN THE
WORLD ARE
YOU DOING?!
IN THE RAIN...
AND AT THIS
HOUR...?!

LORD
GRIFFITH?!

GOOD
EVENING,
PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE.

IT- IT-
IT- IT'S
NOTHING!!
GO, GO!!

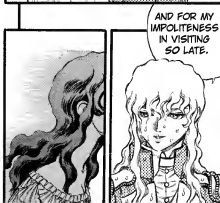
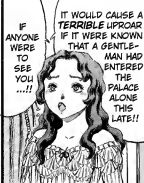
IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MAT-
TER?



EH

EH?!





I'D WAKE UP SO MANY TIMES BREATHLESS FROM NIGHTMARES... THAT YOU HAD DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

I'VE BEEN SO... SO SCARED EVER SINCE THAT DAY YOU LEFT...



I'VE MISSED YOU...

SINCE THAT DAY ...

...HALF A YEAR AGO.

EVER SINCE WE PARTED THAT MORNING YOU WENT TO WAR...

NOTHING BUT FRIGHTENING AND SAD THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.

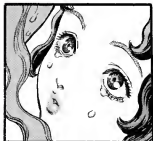
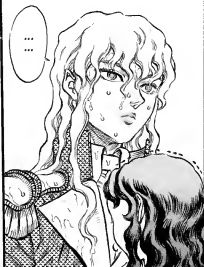
I'VE BEEN SO ALONE ...

WHY ...



I PASSED OUT. WHEN I WOKE UP, THEN IT WAS MY STEPMOTHER WHO... I NEVER DID MANAGE TO COME TO TERMS WITH HER...!! I DIDN'T EVEN TRY!!

WHY DIDN'T YOU COME... COME TO SEE ME SOONER THAN THIS?!



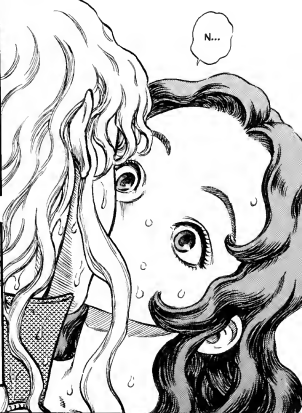
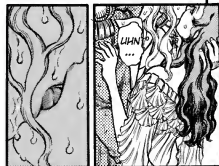
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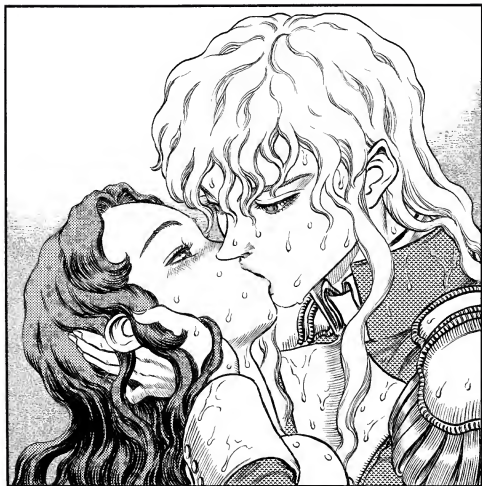
**START
OF THE
EVER-
LASTING
NIGHT**



ベルセルク

果てしなき夜の始まり

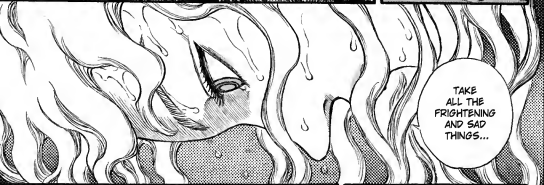




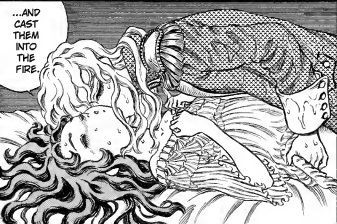




ARE YOU
AFRAID?

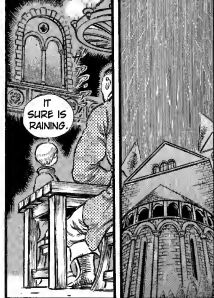


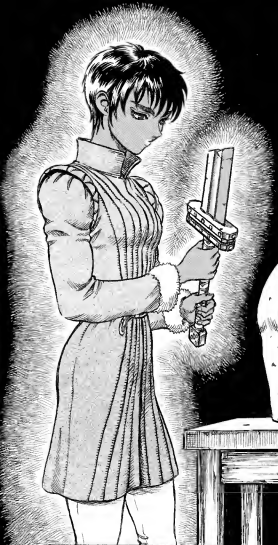
TAKE
ALL THE
FRIGHTENING
AND SAD
THINGS...

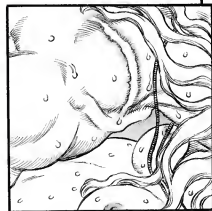
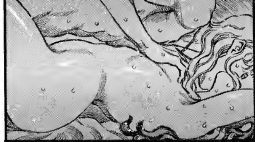


...AND
CAST
THEM
INTO
THE
FIRE.









YOU
BELIEVE
THAT,
DON'T
YOU?

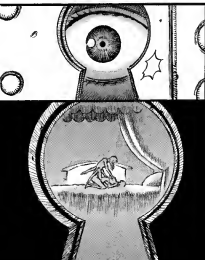


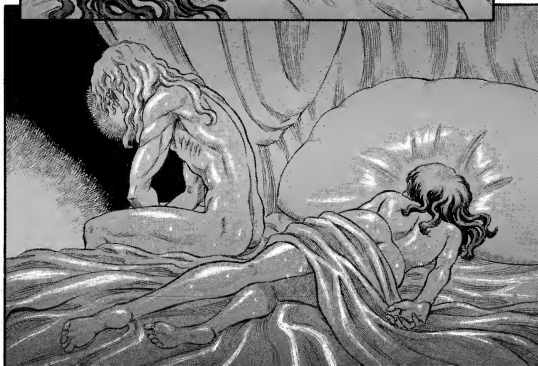


TAKE
CARE.

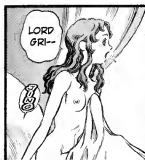


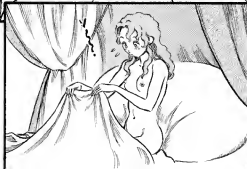


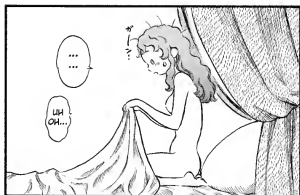
















...SNEAKING
OUT OF THE
PALACE
AT THIS
HOUR...?

WHY ON
EARTH
IS THE
WHITE
HAWK...

WELL, WELL...
IF IT ISN'T HIS
EXCELLENCY,
THE FUTURE
WHITE
PHOENIX
GENERAL.



...RIGHT,
MY
SWORD...



CIRCUMSTANCES
PENDING, YOU MAY
HAVE COMMITTED
TREASON AGAINST
MIDLAND'S ROYAL
HOUSE.

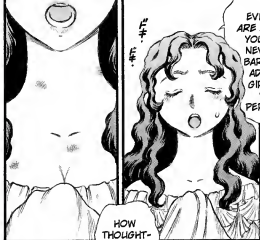
NO DOUBT
THE DETAILS
WILL BE
DETERMINED
WITHOUT
HASTE
LATER.



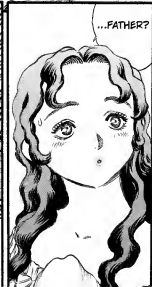
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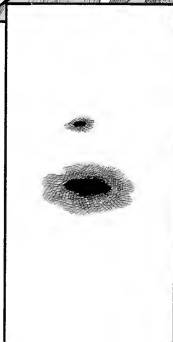
TAKE
HIM
AWAY!!





HOW
THOUGHT-
LESS!







START OF THE EVERLASTING NIGHT: END



天竺地獄

お鷹が落ちた

THE
FALLEN
HAWK



GRIFFITH...



...
...

...BUT THAT THE STRESS SHOULD INSTEAD BE PLACED ON HIS ACTIONS AND USE OF RESOURCES.

FOR SOME TIME I'VE HELD THAT A KNIGHT'S MERIT IS NOT DERIVED FROM LINEAGE OR SOCIAL POSITION

...

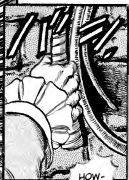
THERE WERE NOT A FEW WHO SLANDERED YOUR GROUP AS A BAND OF THIEVES, BUT I DIDN'T THINK SO.

EACH TIME THE BAND OF THE HAWK DISTINGUISHED ITSELF ON THE BATTLEFIELD, IT HEIGHTENED MY ASSERTION.

THOSE WORDS I SAID TO YOU THEN, WERE NO FICTION.

IT HAD BEEN MY GREAT HOPE THAT SOMEDAY YOU WOULD HAVE SHOULDERED A LARGE PART OF MIDLAND'S ARMY AS A MILITARY GENIUS.





HOW-
EVER
...!!



WAS YOUR
COMMON
BLOOD
NOT GOOD
ENOUGH?!

A THIEF
IS STILL
A THIEF!!



...BEHAVES WITH THE
RASHNESS OF SOME
TOWNSGIRL... HER
FRIVOLITY IS
EXCESSIVE...

THE PRIN-
CESS
OF A KING-
DOM...

MY
FOOLISH
DAUGHTER...

...FOOLISH
FRIVOLOUS
GIRL...

EVEN
THAT...

BUT
EVEN
SO...

IT'S AS IF
SHE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE OF
HER STATUS--
THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE
SUCCESSION
OF ROYAL
BLOOD...

I
WOULD GIVE
MYSELF...
EVEN THIS
KINGDOM IN
EXCHANGE
FOR HER!!

...IS
EVERY-
THING
TO
ME...!!

SHE'S
MY
WHOLE
LIFE!!

AFTER HOW MANY
DECADES OF WAR
AND HOW MANY
TENS OF THOUSANDS
OF CORPSES,
WE'VE FINALLY
BUILT A TIME
OF REMEMBERED
PEACE, BUT IT'S
ONLY FOR AN
INSTANT!!

WARS RAGE
ON AND THE
PEOPLE'S LIVES
ARE LOST LIKE
THEY WERE
INSECTS!!

WHAT
VALUE IS
THERE
IN THIS
WORLD?!

ON THE
UNDERSIDE,
THE MONSTER
NAMED WAR
IS ALWAYS
SEEKING
NEW BLOOD,
STARTING TO
BREW ITSELF
ANEW!!

...
BLOOD-
STAINED,
MEANING-
LESS
WORLD...

IN
THIS
...

...IF THERE
IS ONE
SINGLE RAY
OF HOPE
TO BE
FOUND...

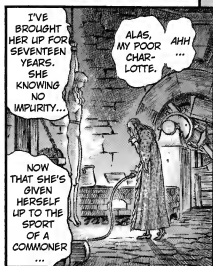
...
...

THE
WISDOM
OF ONE
MAN IS
FOLLY!!

IN THE
FACE OF
THAT
MONSTER,
THE WILL OF
ONE LAND'S
KING IS
POWER-
LESS!!

THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
STOP!!

...AND YET,
I CANNOT
CEASE
BEING
KING....!!







BUT
YOU'VE BY
NO MEANS
TRIED TO
HARNESS
THAT
MONSTER.

YOU'VE
LIVED ON BY
RESIGNING
YOURSELF TO
THE MONSTER
YOU ENVISION.



YOU'VE
DONE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
NOT FAIL.

HOW
DARE
YOU...

...IT WAS
NOTHING
MORE THAN
A BURDEN
TO YOU.

WHILE
YOU WERE
BORN TO
THE SWORD
CALLED THE
THRONE AND
HELD IT...



SILENCE!

HOW
WORTH-
LESS...



**BE
SILENT
!!**



WHAT
DO
YOU
KNOW?!



WHAT DOES
A FOOL LIKE
YOU KNOW OF
BEING
KING...?!

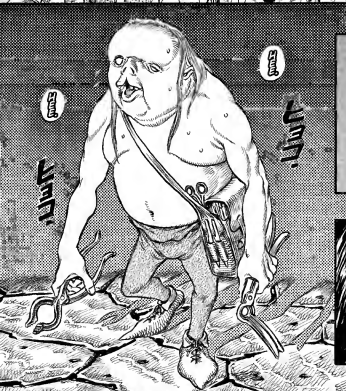
WHAT
THE HELL
DO YOU
KNOW?!

**THE
LAND!!
THE
HISTORY!!**

**THE LIVES
OF THE PEOPLE,
ALL ON YOUR
SHOULDERS...!!**

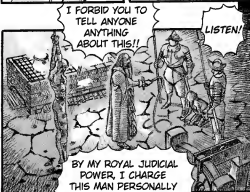






DO WHATEVER YOU WISH WITH THIS MAN.

Y-YOU'RE SHERTAIN ...?



I FORBID YOU TO
TELL ANYONE
ANYTHING
ABOUT THIS!!

LISTEN!

BY MY ROYAL JUDICIAL
POWER, I CHARGE
THIS MAN PERSONALLY
WITH TREASON AGAINST
MIDLAND'S ROYAL HOUSE!!



...SOMEHOW
PROTECT
MY
DAUGHTER'S
DIGNITY...

I
MUST
...



HE SHALL BE
MADE TO SEE THE
GRAVITY OF HIS
CRIME WHILE HE
YET DRAWS
BREATH.



YES,
SIRE
...



...THEY AND
THEIR ENTIRE
HOUSEHOLD,
WITHOUT
EXCEPTION,
WILL BE
SENTENCED
TO DEATH.

IF I
WERE
TO HEAR
ABOUT
THIS
FROM
ANYONE
ELSE,
EVEN
JUST A
TRIFLE...

...THAT
THE
WHITE
HAWK
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

IT'S
DIS-
APPOINT-
ING.

...WOULD
DESTROY
HIMSELF
OVER SUCH A
WORTHLESS
MATTER.
I NEVER
WOULD HAVE
GUESSED...

NO,
THIS
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
YOUNG...

YOU ARE
YOUNG.
NO DOUBT
YOUR
HEART
BURNED
WITH
DREAMS
AND
AMBITION.

IF YOU
HAD BUT
KNOWN
YOUR PLACE,
YOU MIGHT
POSSIBLY HAVE
ATTAINED
THEM.

THE
HAWK
HAS
FALLEN
TO
EARTH.

...OF
YOUR
DREAMS
...

THIS
IS THE
END...

...YOUR
AMBITION
...

...EVERY-
THING.

IT WILL
NEVER
TAKE
FLIGHT
AGAIN.

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UNTIL I SAY
OTHERWISE,
NO ONE IS
TO COME
NEAR THIS
ROOM.

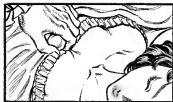
AND
TRIPLE
THE
CURRENT
NUMBER OF
PALACE
GUARDS.

WHERE
IS
CHAR-
LOTTE?

UNTIL A BIT
AGO SHE HAD
BEEN CRYING,
BUT THE
DOCTOR GAVE
HER MEDICINE
AND SHE JUST
FELL ASLEEP.













...YES.

THIS
IS...

...WORTH-
LESS.

...WORTH-
LESS.

THE FALLEN HAWK: END

セルゲイ

夢の終焉

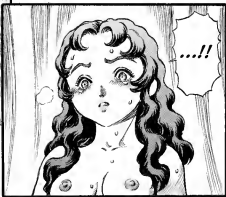
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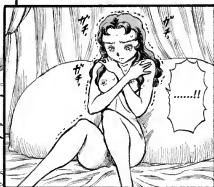
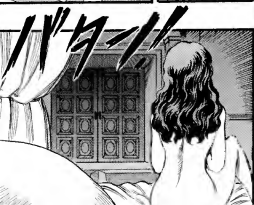


LORD
GRIF-
FITH
!!



...HN!





...GRIFFITH!!

DAMN YOU...

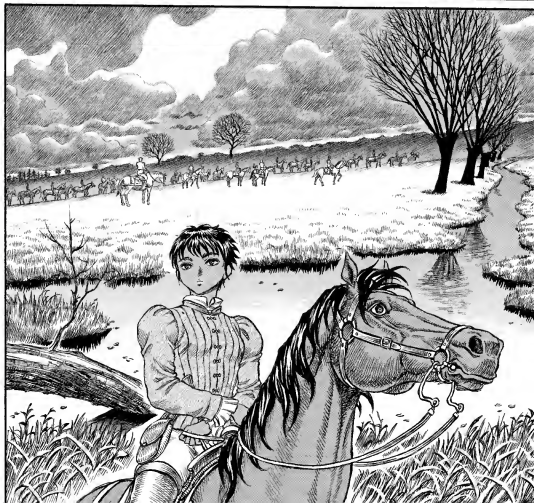


SCREECH...

ED...

DA...

DAMN YOU!!!



DUMBASSSSS!
IS GRIFFITH
THE TYPE
WHO'D LET
THAT GET
HIM DOWN?!
HE WAS OUT
HAVIN' FUN.
FUN!

YEAH,
BUT...

I'M
GUESSIN'
TRAINING?

GRIFFITH...
CALLING US
OUT HERE
SUDDENLY
...

WHAT
COULD
THIS BE
ABOUT?

I GUESS HE
REALLY WAS
IN SHOCK...

HE NEVER
CAME BACK
TO THE
BARRACKS
YESTERDAY
...

THEN IT'S
RIDIN'
PRACTICE,
RIGHT?

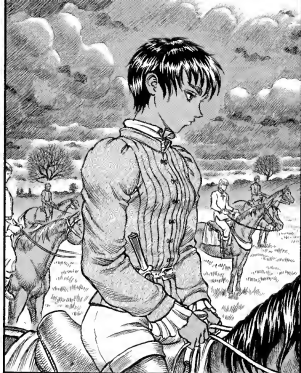
WITHOUT
ANY
EQUIP-
MENT?

WILL YOU GIVE IT A REST?!
LOOK HERE!! GRIFFITH AIN'T
GONNA FALL APART JUST BECAUSE
THAT JERK SPLIT....!!

YEAH
BUT,
YEAH
BUT
...

CORKUS
...

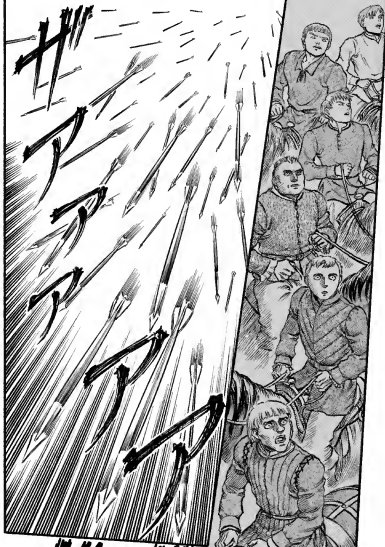
CAPTAIN
GUTS...

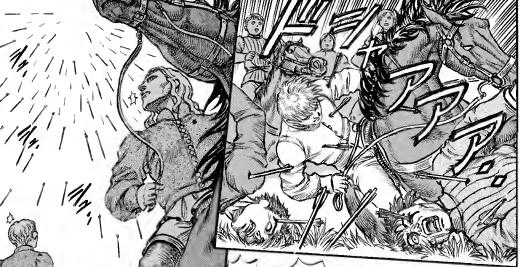


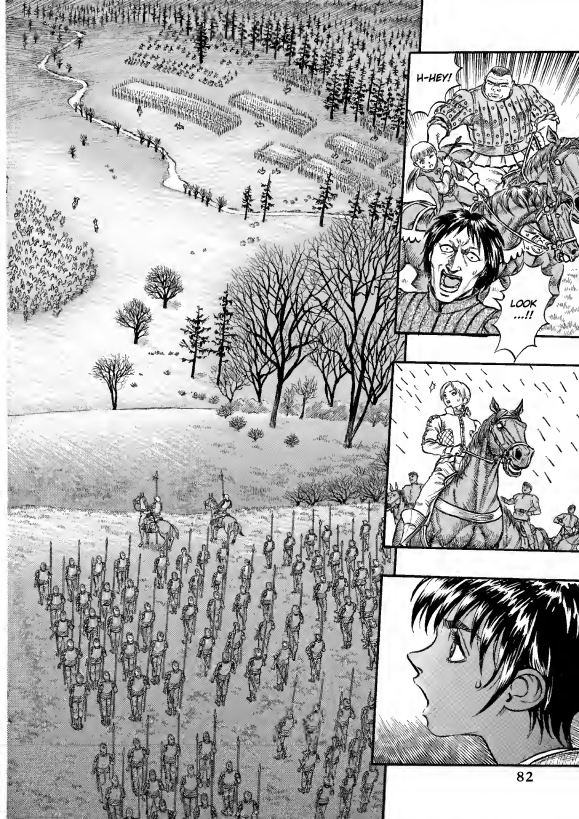


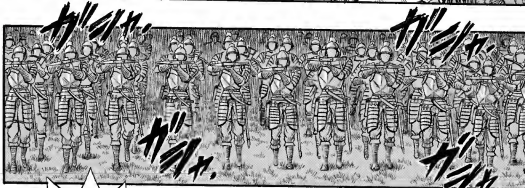
**EVERY-
ONE
TAKE
COVER
!!!**













WHY
?!

GET
INTO
WEDGE
FOR-
MATION!!

WE'LL
BREAK
THROUGH
AT ONE
POINT AND
ESCAPE!!

IF WE
SCATTER
AND RUN,
WE'RE ALL
DEAD!!

FORM
RANKS!!

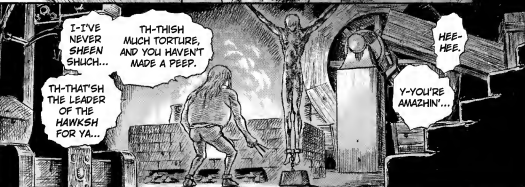
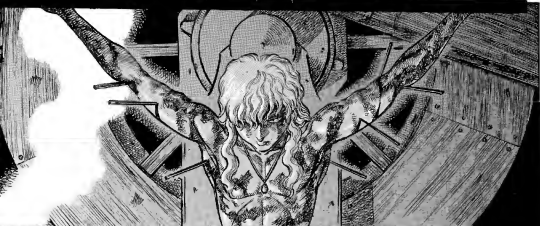
WHY
...?!

SIS,
LOOK
OUT!!

!



GRIFFITH...!!



I-I'VE
NEVER
SHEEN
SHUCH...

TH-THISH
MUCH TORTURE,
AND YOU HAVEN'T
MADE A PEEP.

HEE-
HEE.

TH-THAT'SH
THE LEADER
OF THE
HAWKSH
FOR YA...

Y-YOU'RE
AMAZHIN'...



...
HN?



...
...



TH-
THAT'SH
GREAT!

NEAT!
CAN I
KEEP
THISH?

OHH?!

L-LETTIN' ME
DO WHATEVER
I WANT WITH
SHUCH A BEAUTIFUL,
SHPLENDID ONE
LIKE YOU...
TH-THE
KING'SH
SHO GRA-
CIOUS...

I-I'M
SHO
MOVED.

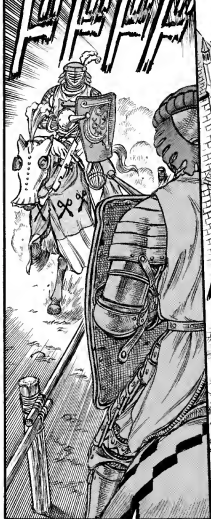


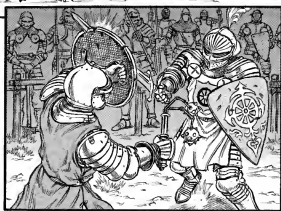


DEMISE OF A DREAM: END



ARMS TOURNAMENT







MASTER,
THIS TOUR-
NAMENT'S
FEATURED
BOUT IS
BEGINNING.

OH!!

IT'S REALLY
STARTED TO
DRAW IN
SOME
STRONG
ONES.



MY
COMBAT
TOURNAMENT
HAS
BECOME
QUITE
FAMOUS
IN MANY
COUNTRIES
OVER THE
YEARS.

HO
HO
HO...

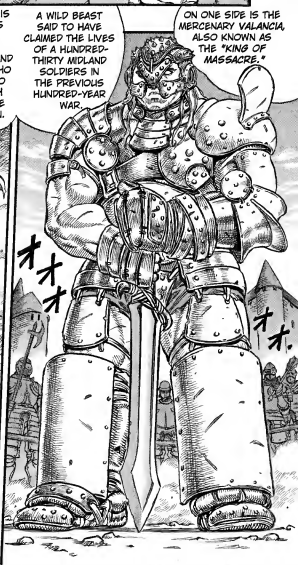


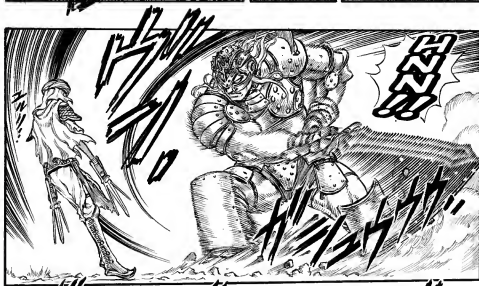
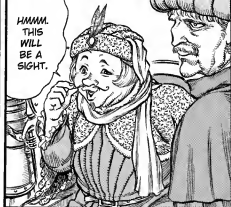
THE
ENIGMATIC
WARRIOR
FROM A
STRANGE
LAND,
SILAT.

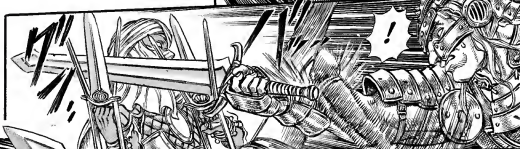
ON THE OTHER SIDE IS
THIS TOURNAMENT'S
DARK HORSE, A
NEWCOMER USING
STRANGE WEAPONS AND
TECHNIQUES WHO
CONTINUES TO
CUT A SWATH
THROUGH THE
COMPETITION.

A WILD BEAST
SAID TO HAVE
CLAIMED THE LIVES
OF A HUNDRED-
THIRTY MIDLAND
SOLDIERS IN
THE PREVIOUS
HUNDRED-YEAR
WAR.

ON ONE SIDE IS THE
MERCENARY VALANCIA,
ALSO KNOWN AS
THE "KING OF
THE MASSACRE."











CUTTING YOUR
SWORD IN TWO BY
SIMULTANEOUSLY
SLASHING FROM
BOTH SIDES IS
SIMPLE.

CUTTING
YOUR HEAD
OFF WOULD
BE THE
SAME.



HOW
SPORTS-
MANLIKE.



I
SUBMIT
...

I...





THE
SWORD
ARTS OF
THIS LAND
ARE
DULL AND
NARROW-
MINDED.

IN THE
FACE OF MY
DEEPLY ROOTED
HAND-TO-HAND
FIGHTING STYLE,
THEY REMIND ME
OF CHILDREN
SWINGING
STICKS.



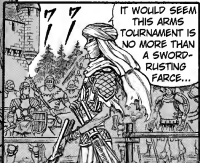
OH!!
THAT
TURBAN
MAN
DID
IT!!

HOH
HOHHH

IT SEEMS
CERTAIN
HE WILL
WIN THE
TOURNAMENT
THIS TIME.

...I FEEL
SLIGHTLY
PUT OUT

HMMMM,
STILL...FOR
A FOREIGNER
TO WIN WITH
SO LITTLE
OPPOSITION...



IT WOULD SEEM
THIS ARMS
TOURNAMENT IS
NO MORE THAN
A SWORD-
RUSTING
FARCE...



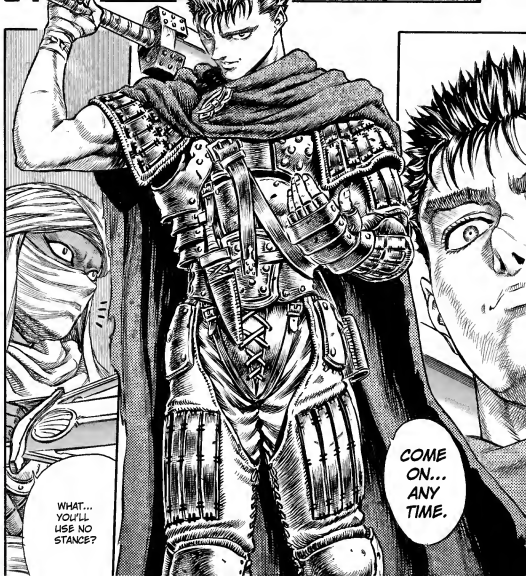




BUT
SIDESHOW
OR NOT,
YOU
SOUGHT
THIS
YOURSELF!

TAKE
YOUR
STANCE!!

I ASSUME
YOU'RE
PREPARED.



WHAT...
YOU'LL
USE NO
STANCE?

COME
ON...
ANY
TIME.



SOUNDS PRETTY SENSIBLE, WHAT WITH THAT NARROW-MINDEDNESS OR WHATEVER YOU SAID.

DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS. THIS IS A FESTIVAL AFTER ALL.



...VERY WELL..



!

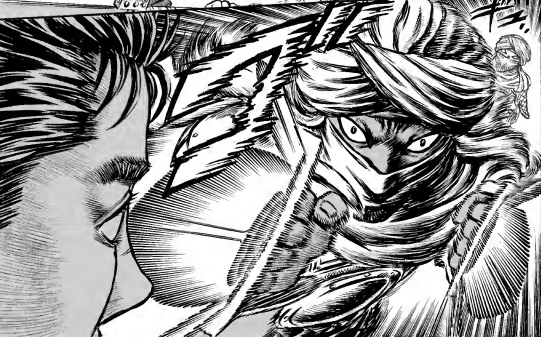


YOU MEAN TO WIN BY USING THAT FREAKISHLY MASSIVE SWORD TO KEEP ME AT A DISTANCE. BUT THEN, YOUR STYLE OF SWORDPLAY CAN'T RESTRAIN MY MOVEMENTS.



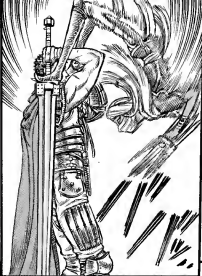
...IS A RATHER BORING THING.

A FESTIVAL WITHOUT BLOOD...









BOTH
HANDS
ARE
BARRED!!

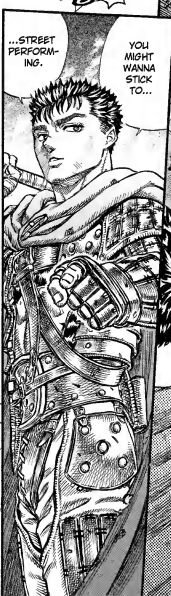


ENGARRRDE!



IT'S
NO
USE!

AHH!!



...STREET
PERFORM-
ING.

YOU
MIGHT
WANNA
STICK
TO...





WHAT DO YOU SAY,
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO WORK FOR ME?
I'LL PAY
WELL!



IMPRES-
SIVE...
MOST
IMPRES-
SIVE!

HEYYY,
YOU
THERE!



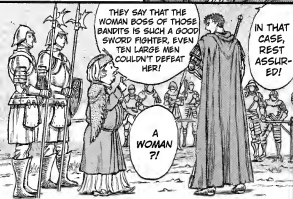
THIS
TOURNAMENT
WAS ALSO
TO RALLY
SOLDIERS
FOR THAT.

BEFORE
LONG,
THERE'S
TO BE A
LARGE-
SCALE
ROBBER
HUNT
INSIDE MY
TERRITORY.



I JUST
WANNA
TRY MY
HAND AT
STRONG
OPPONENTS.

SORRY,
I'M NOT
INTERESTED.



THEY SAY THAT THE
WOMAN BOSS OF THOSE
BANDITS IS SUCH A GOOD
SWORD FIGHTER, EVEN
TEN LARGE MEN
COULDN'T DEFEAT
HER!

IN THAT
CASE, REST
ASSUR-
ED!

A
WOMAN
?!



HNNN,
WELL,
SOMETHIN'
LIKE THAT
...

HOHO, ARE
YOU ON
PEREGRIN-
ATION*?

*A
KNIGHT
ON A
JOURNEY
FOR THE
SAKE OF
LEARNING/
TRAINING.





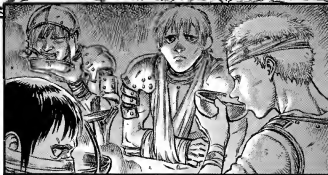
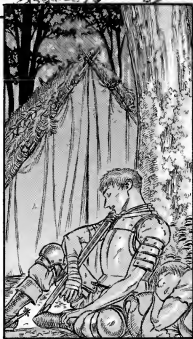
THE FUGITIVES

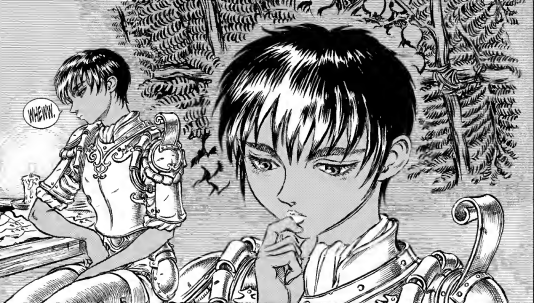


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JUDEAU
...

IF YOU PUSH
YOURSELF
TOO HARD,
YOU WON'T
LAST.

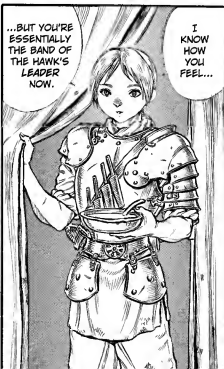


I
KNOW.

EVERYONE'S
WORN OUT
FROM LIVING
SO LONG AS
FUGITIVES. IF
YOU WERE TO
COLLAPSE
NOW...



WORD
JUST CAME
BACK FROM
THE GROUP
WE SLIPPED
INTO
WINDHAM.



...BUT YOU'RE
ESSENTIALLY
THE BAND OF
THE HAWK'S
LEADER
NOW.

I
KNOW
HOW
YOU
FEEL...



...EVEN
THAT'S
COME TO
AN END...

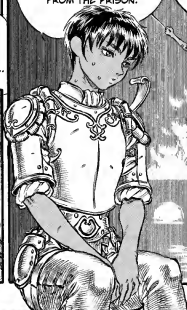
BUT
IN THE
PAST
MONTH...

HE'S BEEN TORTURED
FOR A YEAR, AND STILL IT
GOES ON... SEVERAL PEOPLE
HAVE HEARD SOMETHING
BETWEEN...SCREAMS...AND
MOANS IN A VOICE LIKE
GRIFFITH'S COMING
FROM THE PRISON.

GRIFFITH IS IN THE
VERY LOWEST LEVEL
OF WINDHAM CASTLE...
SEEMS HE'S CONFINED
IN A REALLY OLD
UNDERGROUND
PRISON.



...
...
...



IF
WE
DON'T
HURRY...

EVERYONE'S
AT THE PEAK
OF EXHAUSTION.
WE CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE
OF THIS
FUGITIVE
LIFE.



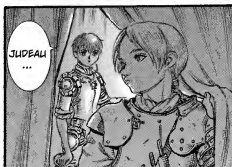
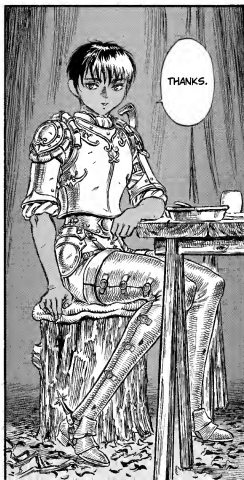
SURE, WE'RE
THE ONES WHO
LIFTED YOU
UP AS OUR
LEADER...

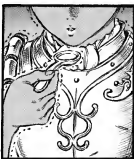
...BUT IS
THERE ANY
NEED TO
BURDEN YOUR-
SELF WITH
EVERYTHING?

HAVE
MORE
FAITH IN
YOUR COM-
PANIONS.



HAVE
FAITH.







THAT'S BEST.
SHE HASN'T
SLEPT AT
ALL LATELY.

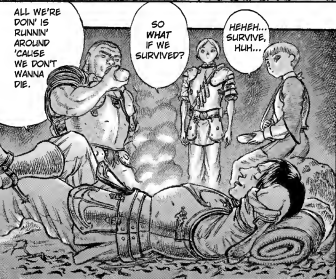


SHE'LL
REST
SOME.

HOW'S
CASCA?



SHE'S ACTUALLY DOING
VERY WELL. IF SHE HADN'T
TAKEN COMMAND AT ONCE A
YEAR AGO, THE BAND OF THE
HAWK MIGHT HAVE BEEN
WIPED OUT ON THOSE
HUNTING GROUNDS.



ALL WE'RE
DOIN' IS
RUNNIN'
AROUND
'CAUSE
WE DON'T
WANNA
DIE.

SO
WHAT
IF WE
SURVIVED?

HEHEH...
SURVIVE,
HUH...

...I DON'T
KNOW
WHETHER
EVERYONE
WOULD'VE
SURVIVED
TIL TODAY
OR NOT

THAT'S
TRUE...IF
SHE HADN'T
BEEN ACTING
LEADER
AFTER-
WARDS,
TOO...



WH-WHAT'RE YOU SAYING ?!

HOW MANY YEARS D'YOU THINK IT TOOK US TO GET AS FAR AS WE DID? IT'D NEVER GO THAT WAY AGAIN...

EVEN IF WE SURVIVE ALRIGHT TO START OVER FROM SCRATCH IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY...IT'D BE NO USE.



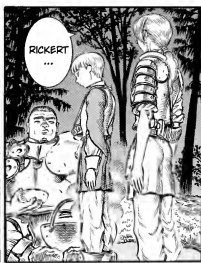
WITHOUT GRIFFITH THE BAND OF THE HAWK'S JUST A RABBLE ANYWAY...

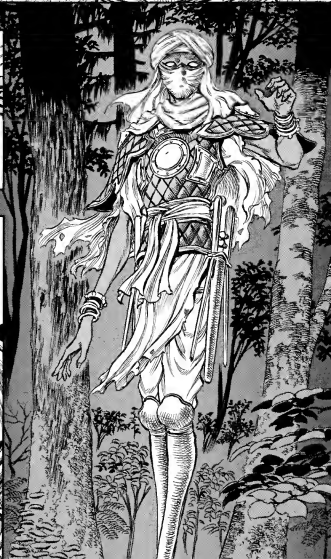


THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE, CORKUS?! WHY DIDN'T YOU GO WITH THE OTHERS WHO LEFT?!

WHA... WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!







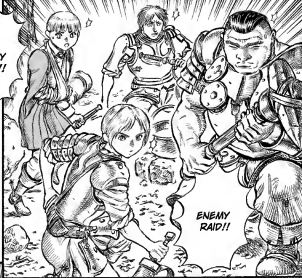




ENEMY
RAID!!



....!!



ENEMY
RAID!!



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!

EVERYONE
ELSE GET THE
WOUNDED
INTO WAGONS
AND ON
HORSEBACK,
THEN TO
OPEN
GROUND TO
THE
SOUTH....!!

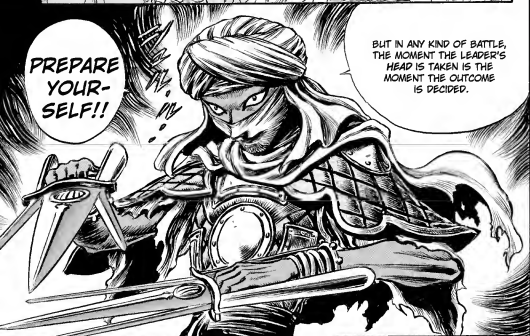
THE ENEMY'S ON
THE NORTH
SIDE OF THE
FOREST!! UNITS
3 AND 4,
MEET THEIR
CHARGE!!





NOTHING
LESS FROM THE
MUCH-RUMORED
BOSS OF THE
HAWKS. I'M
IMPRESSED.

IMMEDIATE
ADAPTATION
AND
COMMAND
ABILITY...



PREPARE
YOUR-
SELF!!

BUT IN ANY KIND OF BATTLE,
THE MOMENT THE LEADER'S
HEAD IS TAKEN IS THE
MOMENT THE OUTCOME
IS DECIDED.

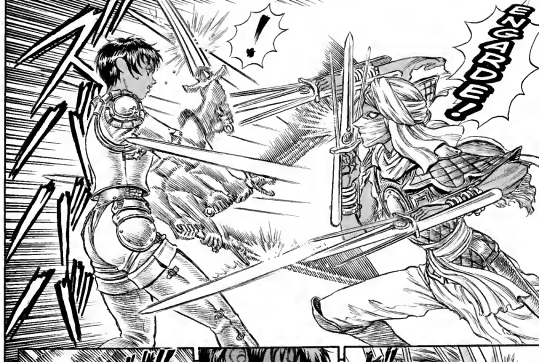


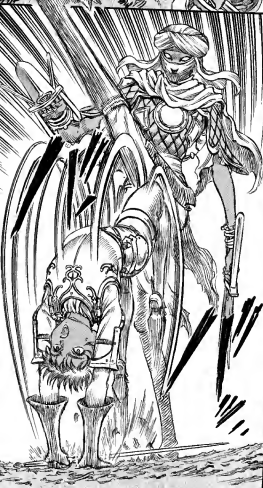
TAKE
THIS!

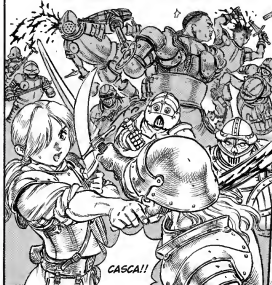
WEARING A
SWORD MEANS
YOU'RE A
WARRIOR, AND I
WON'T HOLD BACK
BECAUSE YOU'RE
A WOMAN...



...
...
...







CASCA!!



I
CAN'T
COUN-
TER
...!!

HOW
DOES
HE
MOVE
LIKE
THIS?!



HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!



IF YOU THROW DOWN YOUR
SWORD AND ORDER YOUR
MEN TO SURRENDER, FINE.
IF NOT, I CUT OFF YOUR
HEAD HERE AND NOW.

THE
FIGHT
IS
MINE!

I'LL
COUNT TO
THREE. YOU
SHOULD
CHOOSE!!

ONE.

...

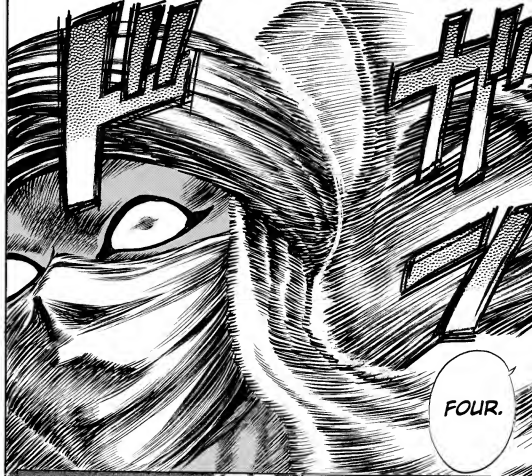


THREE
...



TWO.

HING!



FOUR.





DON'T LET
SOME STREET
PERFORMER
DO YOU IN.

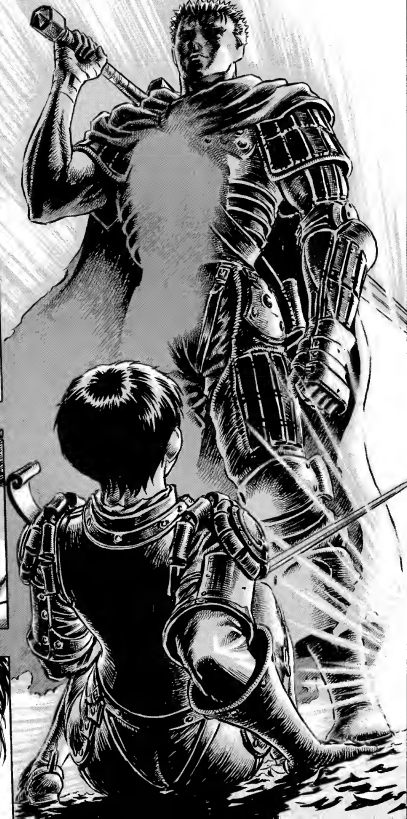


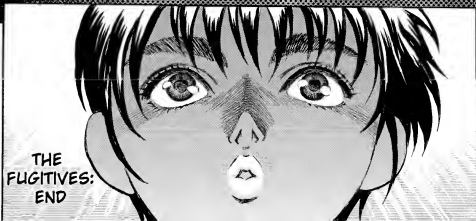
...
...



PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER...

...UNIT
COMMAN-
DER.





THE
FUGITIVES:
END



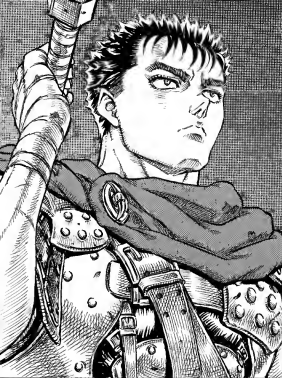
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闘者

THE FIGHTER



GUTS
...



G...
...?



HEY! NO
TIME FOR
SLOUCHIN'!



LEAVE
THIS TO
ME AND
TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
OWN JOB.

HE AND I'VE
GOT A BIT OF
BUSINESS.

THE
CAPTAIN
OF THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK'S
RAIDERS...



YOU'RE
THAT
FAMOUS
HUNDRED-
MAN
KILLER.

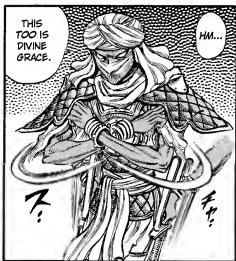
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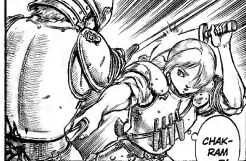
NO
WONDER
YOU'RE
SO
TOUGH...



HUHLH
...

SO
THAT'S
IT...





YOU REALLY
DO REMIND ME
OF A STREET
PERFORMER.

SO
YOUR
NEXT
FEAT'S
RING
TOSS-
ING?



DON'T
LAUGH. THESE
AREN'T JUST
THROWING
RINGS.

OH,
NO...

BUT
YOU
STINK
AS A
SWORDS-
MAN.



...THEY GO
TO TAKE
OFF YOUR
HEAD! AND
BECOME...

...
ANGELS'
HALOS!!

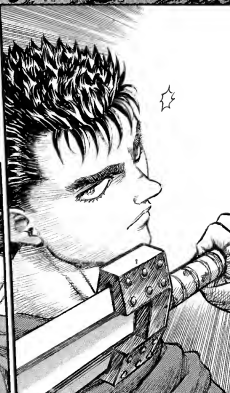


YOUR DOOM!!

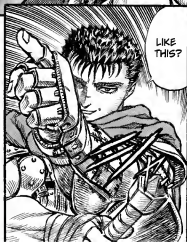
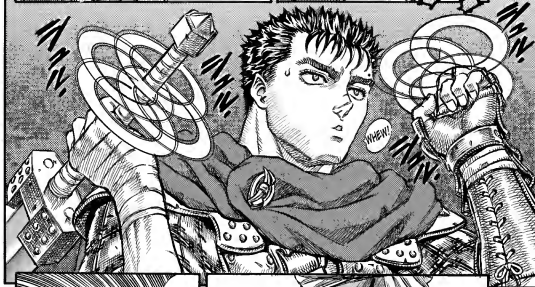


MMM
...

WHAT'RE
YOU UP
TO?







LIKE
THIS?

YOU MEAN
YOU JUDGED
THE PATHS
OF TWO
CHAKRAM AT
THE SAME
TIME...?!

IMPOSS-
IBLE....!!

LET'S
SEE...

IT'S JUST LIKE
SWATTING FLIES,
RIGHT? I MIGHT'VE
BEEN IN TROUBLE
WITH TWO OR
THREE MORE
OF 'EM.

NOT
AT
ALL.

...
...





THE NAME MEANS "THUNDER"!

URUMI!!

AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, ITS POWER IS LIKE A THUNDERCLAP, AND IT'S THE MIGHTIEST WITHIN MY ARSENAL!!

DRINK OF IT DEEPLY!!





NICELY
DODGED!

EXCELLENT
REFLEXES!



BUT HOW LONG
CAN YOU KEEP
RUNNING?! ONE
URUMI CONSISTS
OF FIVE BLADES
THAT MOVE LIKE
WHIPS AND CUT
LIKE A WEASEL'S
SLASH!! AND I
CAN MANIPULATE
EACH BLADE
INDIVIDUALLY!!



HOW
WILL YOU
DODGE
BLADES
FROM TEN
DIRECTIONS
AT ONCE?!

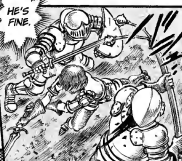


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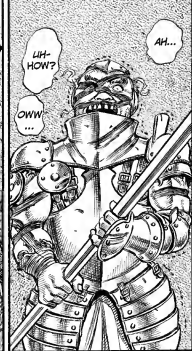


WAIT,
JUDEAU!!









WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?

KNOWING
YOU CAN'T
RUN, YOU'RE
FACING ME?

WHAT
CAN
YOU
DO?!

...IN SUCH
A BRIEF IN-
STANT FROM
THAT LOW
STANCE?!

THOSE AREN'T THE
EYES OF A DEAD
MAN...

A SWORDSMAN AS
SKILLED AS YOU
SHOULD KNOW
THAT!!

HAVE
YOU
THROWN
THE
FIGHT
?!

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO STOP
THE URUMI
WITH YOUR
SWORD
!!



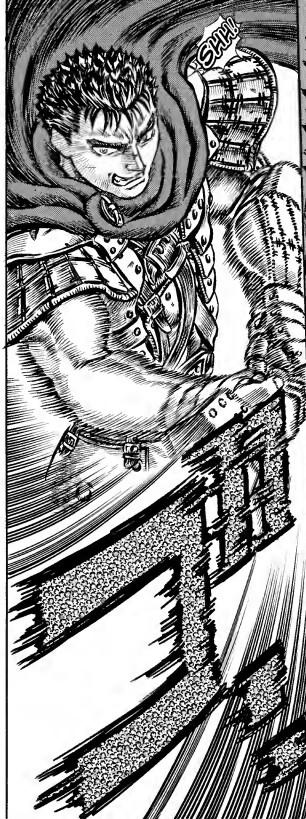
I
ACCEPT
THIS
CHALLENGE
OF
YOURS!!



SO
BE
IT!!

SUFFER
THE
DANCE
OF TEN
BLADES!!





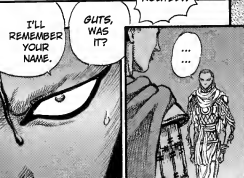
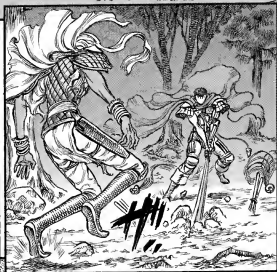
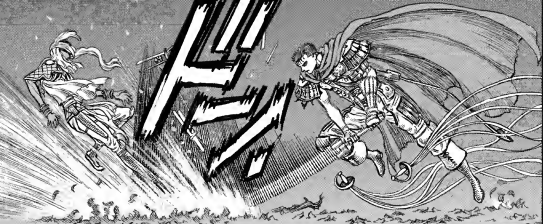


WHA
...?!

AIR
PRESSURE
...?!









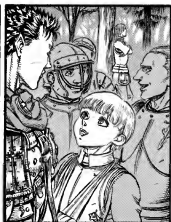
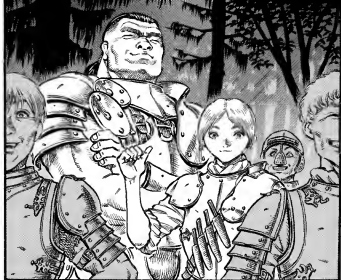


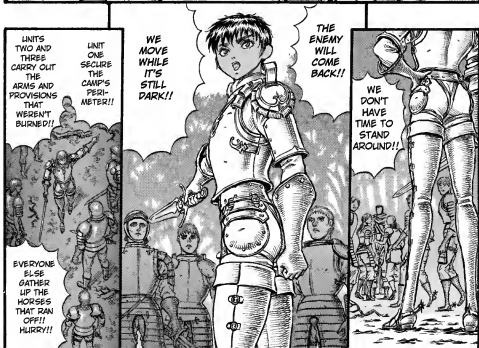
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戦友

COMRADES IN ARMS







UNITS TWO AND THREE CARRY OUT THE ARMS AND PROVISIONS THAT WEREN'T BURNED!!

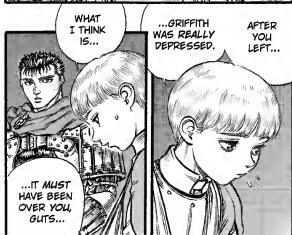
UNIT ONE SECURE THE CAMP'S PERIMETER!!

WE MOVE WHILE IT'S STILL DARK!!

THE ENEMY WILL COME BACK!!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO STAND AROUND!!

EVERYONE ELSE GATHER UP THE HORSES THAT RAN OFF!! HURRY!!





BUT, HEY ...



NO WAY.

NOT A CHANCE.

THE REASON THIS HAPPENED TO GRIFFITH ...

...AIN'T BECAUSE A' YOU.



IF CASCA HADN'T BECOME OUR LEADER...

...BY NOW A BAND OF THE HAWK WITHOUT GRIFFITH WOULD HAVE SCATTERED TO THE WINDS...THE BAND ITSELF WOULDN'T EXIST.



SOME FELL TO THE ENEMY, SOME LEFT ON THEIR OWN...WE CAN'T EVEN BE CALLED AN ARMY ANYMORE.

IN ONE YEAR WE'VE DROPPED TO LESS THAN A FIFTH IN NUMBER.



BUT IT STILL COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORSE.



...IF CASCA HADN'T TAKEN COMMAND.

NOT JUST THAT...I THINK WE WOULD HAVE BEEN WIPE OUT THAT DAY IF...



SHE DID?



SHE RALLIED EVERYONE, ON THE VERGE OF PANIC WITH ARROWS COMING DOWN LIKE RAIN, AND LED THE VANGUARD IN BREAKING THROUGH ONE SIDE OF THE NET.

SHE WAS AMAZING... WITHOUT ANY WEAPONS, SURROUNDED BY CLOSE TO TEN TIMES OUR NUMBER...



.....!!

SHE CONTINUED TO COMMAND US ALL TO THE END, NOT LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS EVEN WITH FIVE ARROW WOUNDS.



NOT ONE PERSON OPPOSED IT, AFTER THAT TERRIFIC DEED.

SO, SINCE THEN CASCA HAS BEEN ACTING AS OUR LEADER.



BUT WE'VE GOT NO ROOM FOR ANY OTHER OPTION.

TO BE HONEST I THINK IT'S A LITTLE UNFAIR TO HER.

...IF THE HAWKS ARE TO SURVIVE.

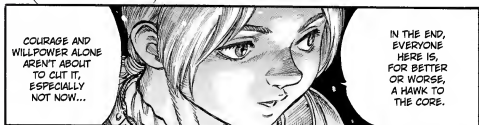
IF WE'RE TO...





BUT THERE'S
NO ONE LEFT
WHO WOULD
TRY TO
LEAVE.

NO ONE'S BEEN
COERCED INTO
STAYING, EITHER.



COURAGE AND
WILLPOWER ALONE
AREN'T ABOUT
TO CUT IT,
ESPECIALLY
NOT NOW...

IN THE END,
EVERYONE
HERE IS,
FOR BETTER
OR WORSE,
A HAWK TO
THE CORE.





WE
DON'T
GO JUST
TO SAVE
GRIFFITH.

WE
CAN'T
GET
STARTED
AGAIN
WITHOUT
HIM.



...
...



...

...IT'S A
GOOD
THING.

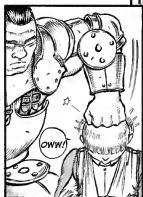
...WHEN
THE PLACE
YOU COME
BACK TO
HASN'T
CHANGED...

Y'KNOW
...



IT'S A
GOOD
THING.

HUH
...?



OWW!

HAVEN'T RUMORS
ABOUT THE HAWKS
SPREAD TO OTHER
COUNTRIES? HOW
COME YOU DIDN'T
COME SOONER...?



...WHAT'VE
YOU BEEN
DOING
THIS PAST
YEAR?

ON
THAT
NOTE
...

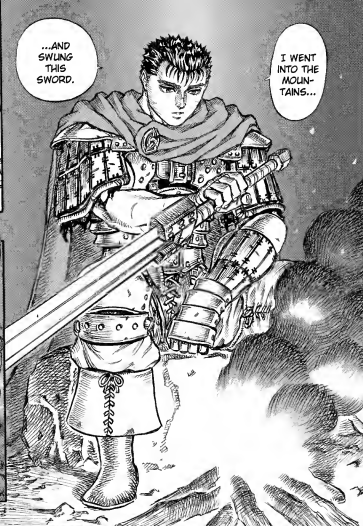


I'M SORRY,
RICKERT.
I REALLY
DIDN'T
KNOW.

BUT
HOW? WERE
YOU ON A
DESERTED
ISLAND OR
SOMETHING?

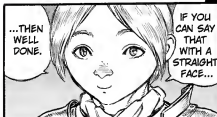
YEAH,
RIGHT!

Y--





.....
?



...THEN
WELL
DONE.

IF YOU
CAN SAY
THAT
WITH A
STRAIGHT
FACE...



...IS PROOF
WE STILL
HAD
SOME LUCK
LEFT.

ANYWAY,
YOU'RE
COMING
BACK...

...
RAIDERS
CAPTAIN.

I HOPE
YOU'LL
HELP
US...



SEEMS
LIKE,
FOR
ME...

...NOTHING
BUT
WIELDING
THIS...

...REALLY
FEELS
TRUE.

THERE'RE
NO OTHER
ANSWERS.
IT FEELS
NATURAL.





I
GET
IT.



CAP-
TAIN!!



OH
YEAH,
GASTON.

Y'KNOW,
WHEN I
HEARD WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THESE
GUYS I
COULDN'T
JUST
STAY
THERE...

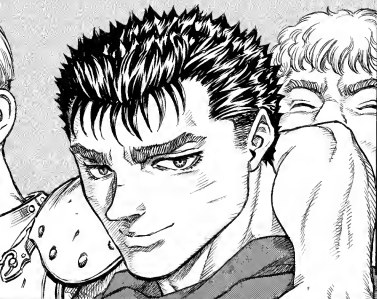
HEH,
ALL IT
DID WAS
FRUS-
TRATE
ME.

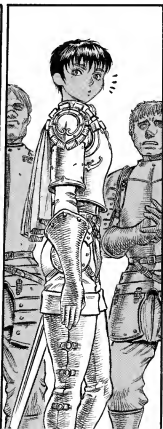
YEAH,
ABOUT
THAT. I
RAN
OUT
ON IT.

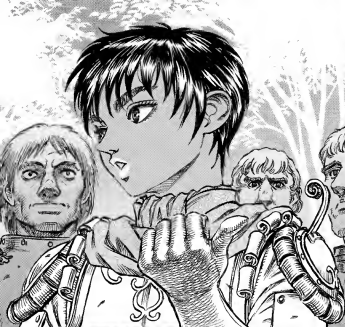


COME
ON OVER
AND LET'S
HAVE A
DRINK.

GUYS...









COMRADES IN ARMS: END



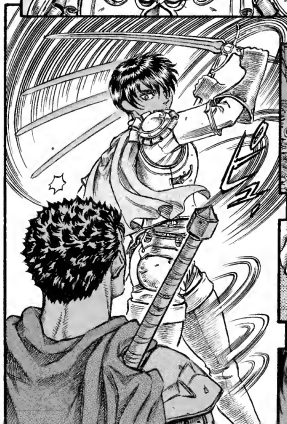
...ME
FOR
A
BIT.

COME
WITH...

魔界転生

告白

CONFESSION







THAT STRIKE ...

YOU REALLY TRIED TO KILL ME!!



HEY!! HOLD ON...

T-TIME OUT!



SHE'S SERIOUS!!





IT'S A
LITTLE MUCH
FOR YOU TO
TRY TO KILL ME
WHEN WE HAVEN'T
SEEN EACH OTHER
IN A YEAR!

TELL
ME
WHY!

RECKLESS
AS EVER,
I SEE...

WHAT
THE
HELL'S
WITH
YOU?



WHY
DID YOU
COME
BACK
NOW...?



...



IT'S
YOUR...



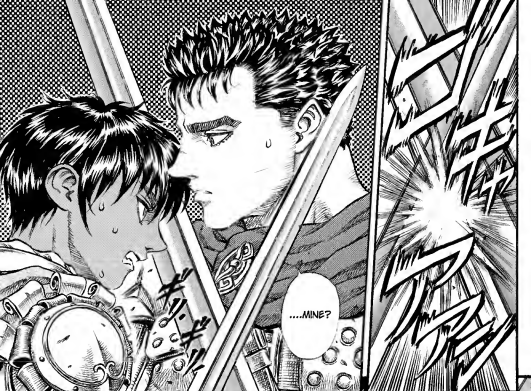
...
FAULT!!



IT'S
YOUR
FAULT.

...ALL
OF
IT!!

YOU
DESTROYED...





WAIT A
MINUTE!!



BECAUSE
YOU
LEFT
US!!



BECAUSE
YOU
ABANDONED
GRIFFITH...!!



GRIFFITH...
BECAUSE
I LEFT...

HE--

THIS IS
GRIFFITH...

THERE'S
NO WAY
THINGS COULD
GO WRONG
JUST FROM
THAT,
RIGHT...?

YOU
REALLY
ARE A
COMPLETE
...

...FOOL...

IT
COULDN'T
BE...

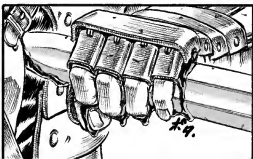


...BE
SERIOUS.

YOU
CAN'T...







...GRIFFITH
WOULD
HAVE
DONE.

I ONLY
DID
WHAT...

IF WE
DON'T
STANCH THE
BLEEDING
...

...WHAT
ELSE
SHOULD
I HAVE
DONE?

THEN
...

...
IDIOT.

LET
GO...!!

...DID
MY OWN
THING.

I
JUST...

LET
GO,
YOU
FOOL
!!

AL-
RIGHT,
I GET
IT...!!

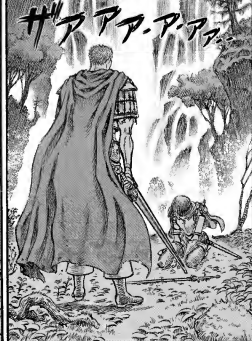
WHAT ELSE
SHOULD I
HAVE
DONE?

LET
GO...

Fn.



...
HMM



...CAN'T...

...TAKE IT
ANYMORE.



...I
JUST...

BUT
...



.....

HMM
...

AHAHA
...



I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING IS
RIGHT...

I
KNOW
...

REALLY,
I DO.



YEAH, I
REMEMBER.

THAT I
WANT TO
BE HIS
SWORD.

I
TOLD
YOU
BEFORE.

THAT
I WANT
TO BE
BESIDE
GRIFFITH...



.....



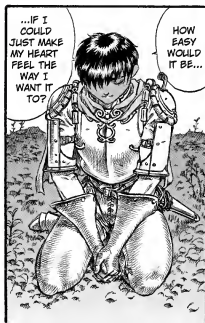
...WAS
BLUFFING.

THE
ME WHO
WISHED TO
BECOME
THAT WAY...

THAT...

...WASN'T
TRUE.

THAT...



...IF I
COULD
JUST MAKE
MY HEART
FEEL THE
WAY I
WANT IT
TO?

HOW
EASY
WOULD
IT BE...

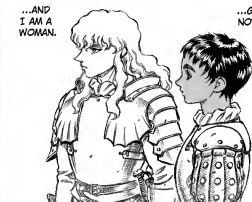


BUT
ONE
DAY I
REALIZED
...

I'M
SURE I
GENUINELY
MEANT
IT AT
FIRST...

...AND
I AM A
WOMAN.

...GRIFFITH'S
NOT A GOD...



...I FIGURED HE'D BE SURE TO TAKE IT SOME-DAY.

AND KNOWING GRIFFITH...

...MARRYING PRINCESS CHARLOTTE WOULD BE HIS FASTEST SHORTCUT.

I'M NOT STUPID. I REALIZED IF GRIFFITH SET HIS SIGHTS ON THE THRONE OF MIDLAND...

...HAPPENING NOW...

MAYBE EVEN WHAT'S ...

!

...IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT SO LONG AS I COULD BECOME SOMETHING INDISPENSABLE TO THE REALIZATION OF HIS DREAM...

I WANTED TO BELIEVE.

IF I COULDN'T BE NEAR HIM AS A WOMAN...

...AS HIS SWORD ...

...I THOUGHT I COULD BEAR EVEN THIS.

I WANTED TO BELIEVE.

...THAT THERE WAS NO LONGER ROOM NEXT TO GRIFFITH...

...THE WAY THERE USED TO BE.

BUT...

...I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY THAT DAY A YEAR AGO...





MY
DREAM...

OR
SOME-
THING
INVALU-
ABLE.

I
COULDN'T
BE A WOMAN.

TO KEEP ON
PROTECTING THE
ALMOST BROKEN
DREAM OF SOMEONE
WHO MIGHT NOT
EVEN BE ALIVE...

DESPER-
ATELY
TRYING TO
PROTECT
THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK...

I
CAN'T
...

...HAD...

IT'S LIKE
I WAS
GOING TO
DISAPPEAR
IF I DIDN'T
AT LEAST
CLING TO
SOME
FRUITLESS
HOPE...

...DO IT
ANYMORE.

...ALREADY
ENDED.

...
CAN'T
...

I
JUST
...

BUT
ENOUGH'S
ENOUGH...

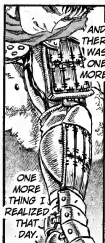






THOUGH
HE DES-
TROYED
EVERY-
THING...

THOUGH
HE
TOOK
IT ALL
FROM
ME...



AND
THERE
WAS
ONE
MORE...

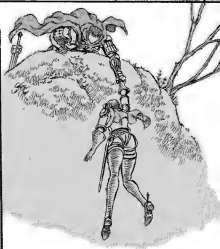
ONE
MORE
THING I
REALIZED
THAT
DAY.

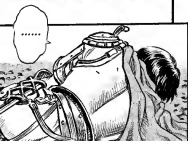


EVEN
THOUGH
I HATE
HIM...



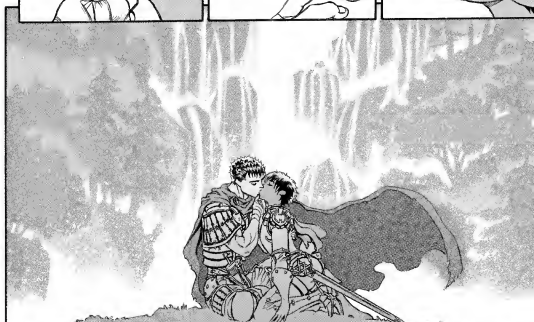
EVEN
NOW...









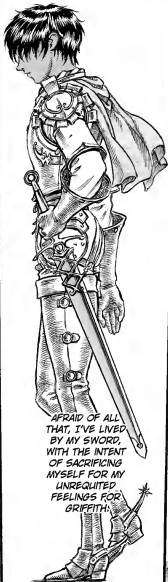


CONFESSION: END

THERE IS NO
FALSEHOOD IN
THE WAY I LIVE.
THAT ALONE WAS
MY PRIDE...

THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT
WHAT I HAD BECOME.

IT WAS LIKE THE ME
I HAD BEEN SINCE
I MET GRIFFITH.....
LIKE THE FEELINGS I'D
HAD SINCE THEN WOULD
ALL BE FALSE.



AFRAID OF ALL
THAT, I'VE LIVED
BY MY SWORD,
WITH THE INTENT
OF SACRIFICING
MYSELF FOR MY
UNREQUITTED
FEELINGS FOR
GRIFFITH.

BECAUSE
IT'S WHAT
GRIFFITH
GAVE
TO ME.

I
FINALLY
REALIZED
THAT
DAY...

...THAT MORE
THAN GRIFFITH,
BROUGHT TO
HIS KNEES
FROM HIS
FIRST
DEFEAT...

...I COULDN'T
TEAR MY
EYES AWAY
FROM HIM...

...AS HE
LEFT,
WITHOUT
EVEN
LOOKING
BACK.

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...BUT...

ベルセルク

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WOUNDS CHAPTER 1





I
WONDER...

...IF I'M
GOING TO
WIND UP
CHANGING...



I'M...
SUCH A
COWARD.

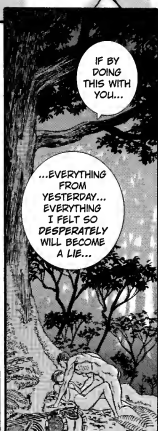
...WILL
FADE AWAY
AND BE
GONE...

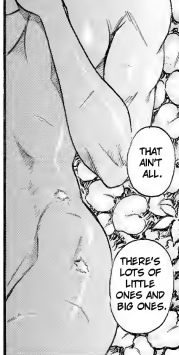
IT'S LIKE
WHAT WAS
IMPORT-
ANT...



IF BY
DOING
THIS WITH
YOU...

...EVERYTHING
FROM
YESTERDAY...
EVERYTHING
I FELT SO
DESPERATELY
WILL BECOME
A LIE...





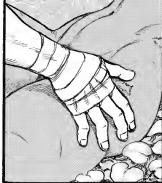
THAT
AIN'T
ALL.

THERE'S
LOTS OF
LITTLE
ONES AND
BIG ONES.



...THESE
SCARS.

THEY
MUST BE
FROM THE
ARROWS A
YEAR AGO.



I'M
USED TO
'EM...

WHAT'S THE
POINT IN HIDIN'
'EM NOW?

BUT
EVEN
I'M--!!



...A
WOMAN.

EVEN
I'M...



...INTO
A
BODY
WITH
THIS
MANY
SCARS.

NOBODY
LIES
THEIR
WAY...

I FEEL
IT TO THE
BONE.

I
KNOW
THAT!

YOU GET ALL
JEALOUS, YOU GET
MAD FAST, AND YOU'RE
QUICK TO HIT! YOU'RE
PLENTY WOMANLY.

I
GET
IT,
AL-
READY.

I KNOW
HOW
SERIOUS
YOU WERE.

I
UNDER-
STAND.

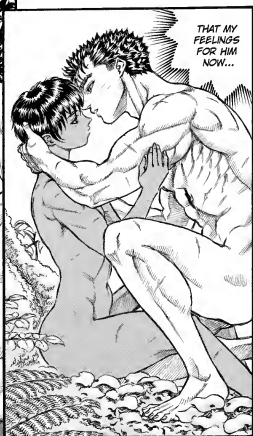
HE
WAS ON
YOURS
EARLIER.

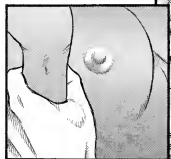
DID
YOU
KNOW
...

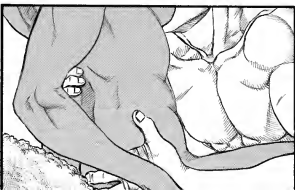
...THE
JINK
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD?

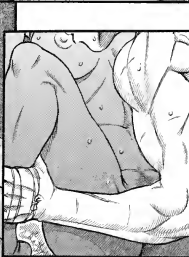
IF YOU SPEND TOO
MUCH TIME FOCUSED
ON THE DEAD OR
BROKEN, YOU'LL FIND
DEATH PERCHED ON
YOUR SHOULDER...

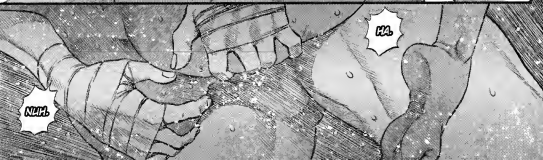
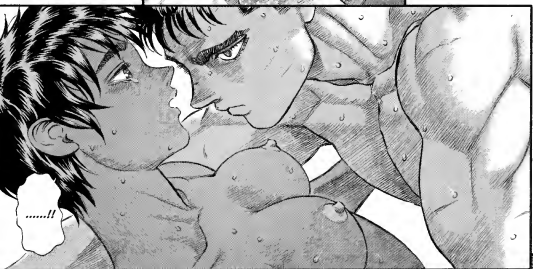










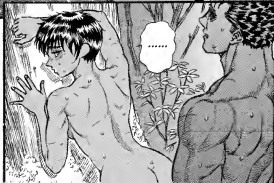


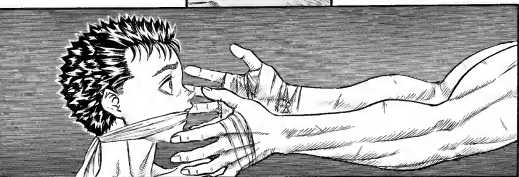


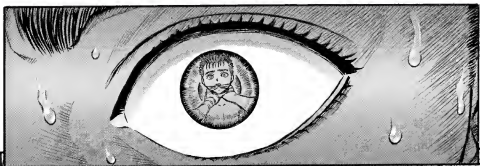




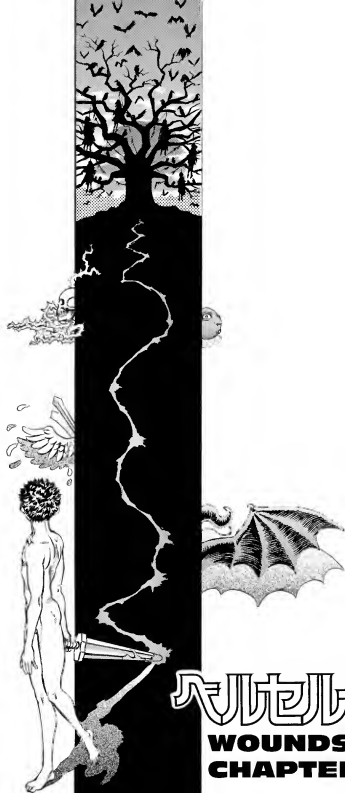






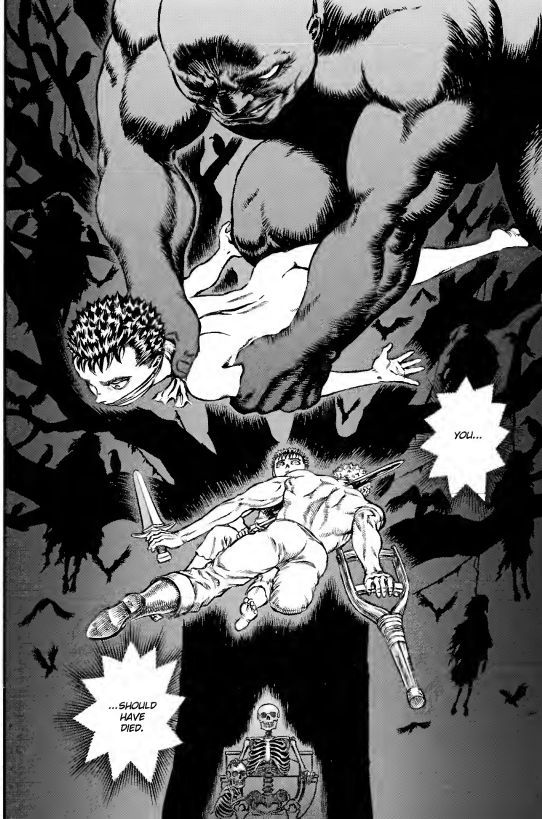


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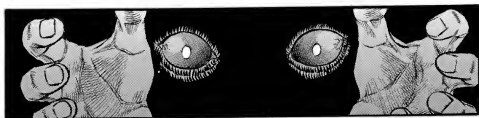
**WOUNDS,
CHAPTER 2**

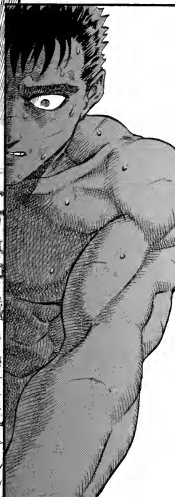


YOU...

...SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.

...SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.











...
KILL?

...



HE
FORCED
ME...

PINNED
DOWN MY
ARMS AND
LEGS.

A BIG
BLACK
SHADOW
COVERED
OVER ME.



HUHHH
...

...



MADE IT LOOK
LIKE DEATH IN
BATTLE...FROM
BEHIND WITH
A BOWHIN.

...I
MUR-
DERED
HIM.

SO
...

THAT
PIG
BASTARD
...!!



I
COULDN'T
DO A
GODDAMNED
THING!!

I
COULDN'T
RESIST...

NOT
AS A
CHILD.



NO
!!



...?

...SO
YOU
KILLED
HIM?

GAMBINO
ASSAULT-
ED
YOU...



I
NEVER
MEANT
TO
KILL
HIM!!

GAMBINO
...!!

...?

GAMBINO
WAS
DIFFERENT
...!!



SO
WHY...?!



HE
TAUGHT
ME
THE
SWORD.

HE TOOK
ME IN
WHEN I
WAS A
BABY AND
ALMOST
DEAD.



WHY'D HE
SELL
ME OUT TO
THAT PIG
BASTARD...?

WHY...?

!



BUT
WHEN I
LOOKED
...

...THERE
WAS MY
SWORD
...

...IN
GAM-
BINO'S
THROAT.



ALWAYS,
AFTER
HE LOST
HIS LEG IN
BATTLE...

HE WAS
ALWAYS
DRINKING.



HE
GOT
DRUNK
...

...AND
SUDDENLY
ATTACKED
ME.
I
THOUGHT
HE'D AVOID
THE
BLOW...



HE'D
TALK
TO THIS
DOG.

"SHISHU,
SHISHU."

NOT
ONCE
WOULD
HE CALL
OUT MY
NAME...



.....!!

MY
SWORD
...



FATHER

...

I'M
SORRY

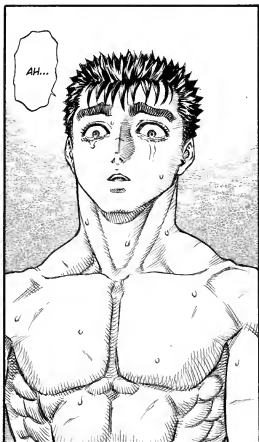
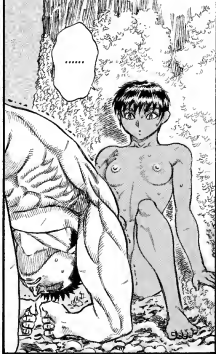
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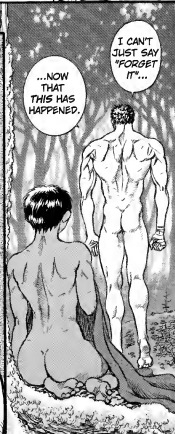
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GAMBINO.

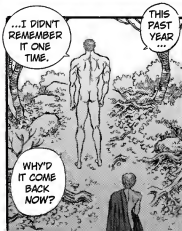
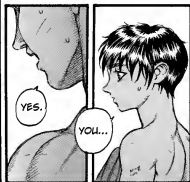


HE
TOLD
ME I
SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.

HE SAID
I SHOULD
HAVE DIED
ELEVEN YEARS
BEFORE,
BENEATH
MY MOTHER'S
CORPSE...











FINE.

EVEN IF
THAT'S
ALL IT
IS...



FORGET
ABOUT IT...
IT'D JUST BE
US LICKING
EACH OTHERS'
WOUNDS.

FINE.



THESE
ARE
WOUNDS
FROM THE
HUNDRED-
MAN
BATTLE,
RIGHT
...?

YOU BLEED
SO MUCH
FOR ME.



SOME-
HOW
I FEEL
LIKE
WE'RE
FINALLY
EVEN.

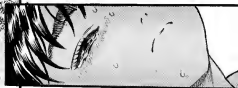


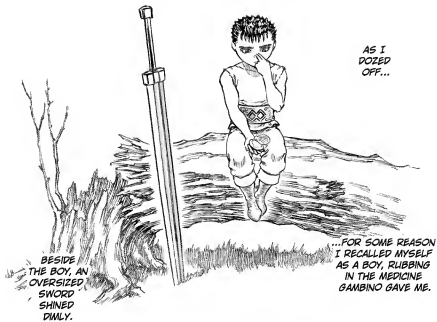
I'VE
ALREADY
SHOWN YOU
EVERY-
THING...

ALL MY
WEAKNESSES
HAVE BEEN
LAID BARE
FOR YOU...









AS I
DOZED
OFF...

BESIDE
THE BOY, AN
OVERSIZED
SWORD
SHINED
DIMLY.

...FOR SOME REASON
I RECALLED MYSELF
AS A BOY, RUBBING
IN THE MEDICINE
GAMBINO GAVE ME.



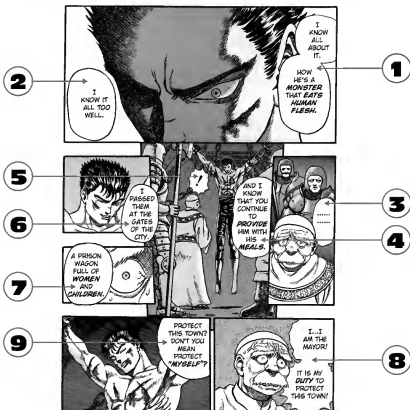
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BERSERK

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Griffith, charismatic leader of the elite mercenary Band of the Hawk, has seen better days. His fearless champion, Guts, has left the Band, defeating Griffith in personal combat as his ticket out. With his judgment clouded by this unthinkable humiliation, Griffith eases his pain in the arms of the daughter of Midland's king. But the King doesn't take kindly to an employee picking the royal flowers, and the next stop for Griffith is the dungeon and the torture rack! Without Griffith and Guts, the Hawks become easy prey for Midland's army, and the AWOL Guts may be the only answer to the Hawks'—and Griffith's—lethal problems.

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